

TABLE 1-6. COMPARISON OF PERCENT OF BIRTHS WITH SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC AND MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS, CALIFORNIA[†] AND UNITED STATES, 1990-2003 (By Place of Residence)

YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS									
	Mothers Under 20 Years of Age		Mothers Completing 12 Years or More of School		Mothers Born in the United States		Unmarried Mothers ¹		4th and Higher Birth Order	
	California	United States	California	United States	California	United States	California	United States	California	United States
2003	9.3	NA	71.9	NA	53.6	NA	33.5	34.6	11.8	10.4
2002	9.6	10.8	71.2	78.5	53.5	76.7	33.0	34.0	12.1	10.8
2001	10.2	11.3	70.3	78.3	53.7	77.5	32.7	33.5	12.3	10.8
2000	10.6	11.8	70.2	78.3	54.3	78.6	32.7	33.2	12.2	10.6
1999	11.1	12.3	69.6	78.3	55.4	79.8	32.9	33.0	12.4	10.5
1998	11.4	12.5	69.0	78.1	56.0	80.5	32.8	32.8	12.8	10.5
1997	11.7	12.7	67.8	77.9	55.1	80.7	33.0	32.4	12.9	10.5
1996	12.0	12.9	66.5	77.6	54.7	80.8	31.4	32.4	13.1	10.4
1995	12.4	13.1	66.0	77.4	55.5	81.5	32.1	32.2	13.1	10.3
1994	12.3	13.1	65.2	77.1	55.5	81.5	35.6	32.6	13.2	10.5
1993	12.0	12.8	65.0	76.7	55.2	82.4	35.1	31.0	13.4	10.7
1992	11.8	12.7	64.6	76.4	55.6	83.0	34.2	30.1	13.4	10.8
1991	11.8	12.9	64.9	75.7	57.1	83.5	33.3	29.5	13.1	10.7
1990	11.6	12.8	66.0	76.1	59.1	84.3	31.4	28.1	12.8	10.5

YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS							
	Late or No Prenatal Care ²		Preterm Birth ³		Cesarean Births		Low Birthweight ⁴	
	California	United States	California	United States	California	United States	California	United States
2003	2.5	3.5	10.7	12.3	27.9	27.6	6.6	7.9
2002	2.6	3.6	10.5	12.1	26.8	26.1	6.4	7.8
2001	2.9	3.7	10.4	11.9	25.1	24.4	6.3	7.7
2000	3.1	3.9	10.4	11.6	23.4	22.9	6.2	7.6
1999	3.2	3.8	10.5	11.8	22.7	22.0	6.1	7.6
1998	3.6	3.9	10.6	11.6	21.7	21.2	6.2	7.6
1997	3.7	3.9	10.4	11.4	21.0	20.8	6.1	7.5
1996	3.8	4.0	10.3	11.0	20.6	20.7	6.1	7.4
1995	4.6	4.2	10.3	11.0	20.6	20.8	6.1	7.3
1994	4.9	4.4	10.2	11.0	20.8	21.2	6.2	7.3
1993	5.0	4.8	10.2	11.0	21.3	21.8	6.0	7.2
1992	5.3	5.2	10.0	10.7	21.6	22.3	5.9	7.1
1991	6.3	5.8	10.0	10.8	22.3	22.6	5.8	7.1
1990	7.0	6.1	10.0	10.6	22.3	22.7	5.8	7.0

¹ Unmarried status in California was estimated prior to 1997. See Chapter 6.

² Third trimester or no prenatal care

³ Birth prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation

⁴ Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds).

† Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births prior to calculation of percentages. This represents a change in methodology from tables done prior to 2000, and provides more appropriate comparison data with U.S. percents.

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